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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

DARYL C. POPE

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 5-7 and 9-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3, 4 and 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/3/2003.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

ART REJECTION:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-2,5-7, and 9-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomason(6,317,039).

-- In considering claims 1-2,5-7, and 9-34, the claimed subject matter that is met by Thomason includes:

1) receiving a set of hardware specifications by a remote processing system from a wireless interface is met by the wireless portable processors(103) receiving maintenance and repair information from a centralized expertise station(127) via a wireless network(106) and/or the internet(107)(see: column 7, lines 30-61).

- Thomason does not teach:

- 1) the obtaining and transmitting a set of installation instructions;
- 2) obtaining, transmitting, and receiving a set of alarm hardware specifications and vehicle specifications;
- 3) transmitting a request for alarm hardware specifications;
- 4) periodically updating a set of installation instructions;

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- 5) receiving a request to perform a test on a specific aspect of the alarm hardware;
- 6) monitoring the alarm hardware and transmitting results of the test sequence;
- 7) the data base containing vehicle data corresponding to a plurality of different vehicle systems.

Although the above stated limitations are not shown by Thomason, Thomason does teach that the system is best suited for performing the task of troubleshooting remote apparatus(see: column 8, lines 30-36). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate any and/or all of the above stated limitations into the system of Thomason as desired, since this would have enhanced the ability of the system of Thomason to perform remote maintenance on any system as desired.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 3. Claims 3-4, and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

- 4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DARYL C. POPE whose telephone number is 571-272-2959. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 9:00-7:30.

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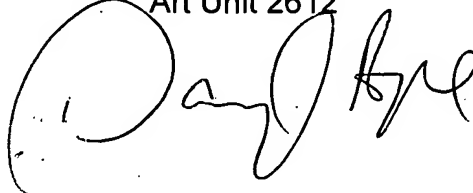
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MIKE HORABIK can be reached on 571-272-3068. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Daryl C. Pope

April 17, 2006

DARYL C POPE
Primary Examiner
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daryl C. Pope', is written over the printed name and title.